

# Common House Spider



## QUICK STATS:

**Color:** Yellowish brown, abdomen dirty white with a few dark spots (sometimes with a black triangular spot in the center) to almost black, with several dark stripes meeting at angle above tip of abdomen; legs

**Shape:** Elongated abdomen

**Size:** 3/16 – 5/16" (female) 1/8 – 3/16" (male)



## OVERVIEW

The common house spider is usually the spider most often encountered indoors. It is a nuisance pest, probably more because of its webs than the spider itself. This spider is found worldwide.

## HABITS

The house spider randomly selects its web sites and creates a tangled web. If a web does not yield prey it is abandoned, another site is selected, and a new web is built. Survival is low in modern homes with low humidity and few insects, higher in garages, sheds, barns, warehouses, etc. because of more prey and generally higher humidity, and highest outdoors in protected places.

## THREATS

House spiders are nuisance pests but pose no threats to humans.

## PREVENTION

- To prevent common house spiders from entering the home, seal cracks and use screens on windows and doors. Use a vacuum to remove adults, egg sacs and webs. If a broom is used, adults usually escape.
- If you suspect you have a spider infestation, contact a licensed pest professional.

## DID YOU KNOW? House Spiders...

build web near light sources which attracts other insects, so that they can prey on.